

REMARKS

By this amendment, claim 8 has been amended and claims 1-7 and 19-23 have been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 8-18 and 24-24 remain in the application.

In the Office Action mailed February 12, 2007, the Examiner indicated that claims 24-28 have been allowed and that claims 8-18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response to the Examiner's comments, applicants have amended claim 8 to incorporate the substance of claim 1 and thereby put it in condition for allowance. Since claims 9-18 depend, either directly or indirectly, from claim 8, they also should be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the cancellation of claims 1-7 and 19-23, and the amendment of claim 8, the application now should be in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any remaining questions, he is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney in order to expedite prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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